

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 40-45 has been added and claims 3-25, 27, and 37-39 have been canceled. No new matter is being presented. Approval and entry of the foregoing new claims are respectfully requested. Claims 40-45 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsinberg et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,680)). Claims 3-10, 12-15, 19-23, 27, and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cuccia (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,719) in view of Tsinberg et al.

Claims 3-25, 27, and 37-39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

NEW CLAIMS 40-45:

Claims 40-45 have been added to provide varying scopes of protection for the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that these new claims distinguish over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

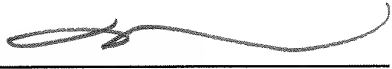
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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